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ons, Including likewise those

of ROCKALL.

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Louis XIII.

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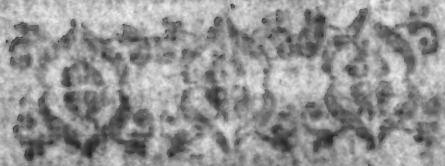
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The Kings Ediēt vpon the Peace
which it hath pleased his Majestie to
giue vnto his Subjects of the pre-
tended reformed Religion.

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of Aprill, 1626.*

LE W I S, By the grace of God, King
of *France* and *Navarre*. To all both
present and to come greeting. As
Soueraigne authoritie hath no lesse
splendour in actions of Grace and
Clemencie, then in Armes and Iu-
stice, and to know how to vanquish and pardon are
the highest markes of Magnanimitie. So that a Prince
ought to be esteemed worthy of honor and glory who
hauing giuen course to his Armes against those which
had iustly brought them vpon them, & after they had
submitted & ranged themselves in their dutie is con-
tent to exercise his clemency towards them, & to make
the publike fruits to be gathered by the establishing of
Peace, which causeth God to be serued and inuocated
in all places, the Kings authoritie reuerenced, and ac-
knowledged of all, and the Lawes religiously to bee
obserued, the people eased, and the body of the State

vniting *its* forces together is more powerfull for its
conseruation, and to giue succours and protection to
the Allies. These considerations which we haue euer
had before our eyes, haue giuen vs occasion to vse as
much moderation to mittigate and extinguish the
motiues which diuers times haue exposed this King-
dome into combustion, vsing grace towards those
who inconsiderately haue cast themselues thereinto,
as we haue shewed vigour, firmenesse and diligence
to chastise and correct them, when we were thereunto
constrained. Concerning the present affaires, our
courses haue beene such, that hauing imployed both
threatnings and punishments in places which openly
haue declared themselues disobedient, and gentlenes,
patience, and perswasions vnto those which haue con-
teyned themselues in their duty and obedience, ha-
uing kept backe the tempest of trouble wherewith
this state was menaced with an intestine warre and
preserued the better and greater part of our Subiects
of the pretended reformed Religion in the fidelity
and obeisance wherein they are bound vnto vs: Our
intention hauing beene so cleerely seene and knowne
to haue alwayes beene as it is still at this present to
maintaine them in peace, concord, and tranquillitie,
and to caule them inuiolably to inioy the graces vnto
them granted by our Edicts and declarations. And
that those which haue taken Armes, and the Townes
which haue followed their examples, hauing lately
considered the quality of their offence, the publike
indignation, the ruine and iust punishment that they
draw vpon themselues, continuing to trouble the re-
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pose of this State : they haue had recourse vnto our benignity, as to the only refuge of their safety, and haue by their deputies belought vs diuers limes by all wayes of Submission that subiects may shew vnto their King to pardon and forget what was past, and to giue them peace. Whereupon, we rather inclining to grace and clemencie, than to the ruine and desolation of our proper subiects : Hauing also regard to the most humble Supplications to vs made in the name and behalfe of those of the pretended reformed Religion which haue continued in their duties, that we would be pleased to receiue the submissions of the others, to forgiue their inconsiderate courses, and to reunite all in peace and concord vnder their obliged obedience. Protesting and assuring vs neuer to depart from the same, for any cause, pretext or occasion whatsoener. *Wee declare*, that for those and other causes and considerations of great importance, vs mouing, by the aduise of the Queene our most honoured Lady and Mother, the Princes of our blood, and of other Princes, Dukes, Peeres and Officers of our Crowne, the principall Lords and most eminent persons of our Counsell being neere vnto vs : We haue signified and declared, doe Signifie and declare by these presents, Signed vnder our hand, that our will and pleasure is,

I.

That the Ediēt of *Nantes*, Declarations, and secret Articles, published and enrolled in our Courts of Parliament shalbe inuiolably kept & obserued for our

Subjects of the pretended reformed Religion to enjoy as they have well and duely done in the time of the King our most honoured Lord and Father deceased, whom God assaile, and since our comming to the Crowne before the last troubles.

II.

That the Catholick, Apostolick and Romane Religion shall bee restored and re-established in all places of our Kingdome and Countries vnder our obedience, where it hath been intermitted during these last troubles to bee fully, peaceably and freely exercised: Expressly forbidding all persons of what qualitie or condition soeuer, vpon paine of being punished as infractors of peace and perturbators of the publike repose, not to trouble, molest nor inquiet the Ecclesiasticall persons in the celebration of diuine Seruice and other functions of the Catholique Religion, nor of their enjoying and perception of Tithes, fruites and reuenues of their Benefices, and all other rights and duties belonging vnto them, and that all those who during the last troubles that doe detayne any goods and reuenues of the Churches appertayning vnto Ecclesiasticall persons, shall leaue vnto them the full and intire possession free and peaceable, conformable to the 3. Article of the Edict of *Nantes*, and restore such goods taken as shall be found in nature.

III.

That the exercise of the pretended reformed Religion shall bee re-established in the places where it hath

hath beene, according to our said Edicts and Declaration in the yeare 1620. And our Subiects of the said pretended reformed Religion shall bee re-established in the said places, as also in their Churchyards or places of Burials where they haue beene granted, or others, such as by the Commissioners which shall bee by vs deputed or Officers of Townes shall finde it most fit and conuenient, And where they shall best fall or for some important cause, that the places of Burials cannot bee re-established in the same places which they possessed in the yeare 1620. there shall be others giuen them, which shall be commodious at their charges which shall require the alteration.

IV.

And to giue publike testimony of the consideration in the which wee hold those of our Subiects of the pretended reformed Religion, which haue continued in their fidelitie and obeylance, and the recommendable proofes which some of them haue demonstrated vnto vs in our Armies both within and without our Kingdome, We haue at their humble supplication, hauing also had regard vnto the Submissions of those which were strayed from their duties, and by our especiall Grace full power and Royall authoritie, wee haue acquitted, remitted and pardoned, doe acquite remit and pardon by these presents, all leuies of Armes, enterprises and acts of hostilitie committed by our said Subiects of the pretended reformed Religion, of what estate, qualitie or condition soeuer they bee, together with the Townes which haue followed
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their examples, and the Inhabitants thereof aswell by Sea as by Land; since the first day of January in the yeare 1625. and precedent commotions vntill the day of the Publication of these presents, therein comprehended that which peradventure hath hapned within the internall of the Signature of the Declaration the 20.th of October 1622. and the publication thereof in our Courts of Parliament, whereof they shall remaine fully and perpetually discharged, together with all other generall and prouinciall assemblies, small conuentions, leuies, popular commotions, excesses, violences, infractions of Safegards, and all other things generally whatsoever contained in the 76. and 77. Articles of the said Ediſt of *Nantes*, although they are not heere particularly declared and expresse, without being for any thing heretofore or to come any way questioned, pursued nor inquired, except onely the case reserued as it is specified and declared by the 86. and 87. Articles of the said Ediſt of *Nantes*, whereof examination may bee made before the Iudges to whom the knowledge of the cause belongeth.

V.

And for such summes of monies as haue beene imposed, leuied, and taken vpon our Subiects, or our receipts, or those who haue the managing and administration thereof and discharges of those which are comptable, together with that which concerneth the debts and excesses by the communalty of both parts, and not payd. The 74. 75. 78. and 79. of the Ediſt of *Nantes* shall be kept and obserued.

Which

Which doing all Seates of Justice, Custome-bou-
ses and receipts, and Officers of Finances, which per-
adventure might, or have beene transferred by means
of the present troubles since the moneth of Januarie
the last yeare, and especially those of the Table of the
election of *Rochell*, shall be established in the same e-
state wherein they were. The Townes which remai-
ned Reformed shall enjoy the same priviledges, im-
munities, Franchises, Faires and Markets, which they
have done heretofore. The elections of Consuls shall
be made after the accustomed forme, and in case of
appeale, it shalbe relieved in our Chamber of Edict.

VII.
In like manner, we will that our said Subjects of
the pretended reformed Religion, shalbe wholly
and intirely discharged of Judgements and Decrees
made against them through the occasion of the pre-
sent troubles, following the 38. 39. and 40. Articles,
of the said Edict, imposing perpetuall Silence upon
also our procurators generall, their Substitutes and
all others which therein may pretend interest.

VIII.
Wee charge and command, that all hostile Priso-
ners which are detained on either parte, who have not
paid ranfome, shalbe delivered and set at full liberty
without paying any: declaring all promises made
and caused for ranfome, which have not beene dis-
charged

charged by the day of the date hereof to be void and of none effect, provided notwithstanding that for the ransomes already paid, there may be no pretences nor repetitions; as also those of our Subjects of the pretended reformed Religion, which are seized by authority of Justice, detayned in our Prisons or Gallies, by meanes of the last and precedent troubles, yea, even those that were taken in the enterprise of Port *St. Lewis*, shalbe enlarged and set at liberty immediately after the publication of these presents without any remise or delay.

IX.

Our meaning likewise is, that the 27. Article of the said Edict of *Nantes*, concerning the admission and reception of our Subjects of the said pretended reformed Religion to charges and Offices shalbe kept and observed, and that all those of the said Religion what quality or condition soever, which have beene by meanes of the present troubles destituted and deprived of their Charges, Offices, Dignities, houses and habitations since the first of Januarie 1625. shalbe remitted, and re-established. As also in all their goods, names, debts, reasons, actions, which have beene seized in the time of the first and last commotions; Notwithstanding all provisions of Offices, gifts, confiscations, reprofalls, payments, and quittances: Permitting to the Creditors to put in execution their Contracts and Obligations for the principall, notwithstanding all Judgements and Arrests, except it were intervened with an arrest diffinitive and contradi-

For that regard in our Counsell, or in our chambers of the Edi&, or that the particulars have beene paid else-where.

We will that our present Letters of declaration shalbe kept and observed by all our Subiects, in and according to the prescribed forme by the 82. Article of the said Edi& of *Nantes*, but Commissioners, shalbe by vs deputed where need shall require, to cause the Contents thereof to be duly executed.

XI.

With expresse charge to our said Subiects, professing the said pretended reformed Religion, not from henceforth to hold any generall or particular assemblies, Counsels, conventions, nor any other of what quality or condition soever, except they have expresse commission by Letters or Breeves by vs Signed and counter-signed by one of our Secretaries of State:& that they shall depart from all practices, intelligences, vnions & associations. It being not the lesse permitted the collection of their consistories and Synods for the affaires concerning the ordering of the discipline of the said pretended reformed Religion, conformable to our Letters of declaration, dated the 27. of April 1623. inacted for the holding of collection and Synods, with expresse inhibitions to treat of any polittick affaires, and from henceforth they shall make no fortifications in no manner whatsoever within our Townes, without our expresse Licence by our

Letters Patents: Neither shall they raise any somme of Money vpon our Subjects for any cause whatsoever, without commission vnder our great Seale: vpon paine of *Crimin leze maiestatis*, and to fall from, and to be deprived of this our present grace.

XII.

Our intent is also that the Articles by vs concluded, for that which concerneth the Towne of *Rockell*, Isles and countrie of *Aulins* shall bee kept, obserued, and incontinently, and without delay executed, and that the Townes and Castles which shall be found to haue beene taken by those of the pretended reformed Religion since the first troubles, shall be rendered into our obeissance within fifteene dayes after the publication of these presents. Declaring those of our Subjects of the said pretended reformed Religion which shall make difficulties to submit themselves to this our will, to be false and deprived of the benefit of this our present grace.

So We giue command to our trustie and welbeloued the Officers of our Courts of Parliaments, and Chambers of the Edict, our Chambers of Accompts, Courts of our Aydes, Baylies, Senescals, or their Lieutenants, and to all other our Iustices and Officers to whom it shall appertaine to cause to be read, published, and recorded by euery one of them, and the contents hereof inuiolably to be kept and obserued according to the forme and tenor thereof, without any conteruention or suffering the same to bee conteruented in any manner whatsoever. Enioyning

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our Procurators generall or their Substitutes, to
 cause to this effect to bee vsed all instances, p[er]suites,
 and requisitions necessarie : Notwithstanding all
 Decrees, Letters, and other things to the contrary
 notwithstanding, To the which Derogatories of de-
 rogatories therein contained, we haue derogated and
 doe derogate by these presents: For so is our pleasure.
 And to the end that it shall remaine firme and stable
 foreuer, Wec haue put our Seale thereto. *Given* at
Paris in the moneth of March, in the yeare of grace
 1626. and of our Raigne the 16. Signed LEVVIS.
 And vnderneath, By the King *De Lamenio*. And of
 one side *Vis A.* And Sealed with the great Seale in
 greene Waxe, vpon labelles of red and greene Silke
 Laces.

*Read, published and recorded, heard, and which the
 Kings Procurator generall requiring it to bee executed kept
 and obserued according to the forme and tenor thereof,
 with charge according to the Decree the 3. of this
 Moneth: and that a collationed Copie of the originall of
 the said Letters should bee sent to the Baillyships and Sene-
 schalships of this Iurisdiction, to bee likewise read, publi-
 shed and recorded, by the diligence of the Substitute of the
 said Procurator generall who are inioyned to certifie the
 Court to haue done it within the Moneth. Given at Paris
 in the Parliament, Monday 6. of April, 1626.*

Signed DV TILLER.

*The Extract of the Registers of
the Parliament.*

THe Court having seene all the Chambers assembled, the Letters Patents conformall to the Edict giuen at *Paris* in the moneth of March 1626. Signed LEWIS, and vnderneath, by the King, *De Lomenye*, and Sealed with the great Seale in greene waxe vpon silken Strings. By the which and for the causes therein contayned, the King willeth and ordayneth, that the Edict of *Nantes*, Declarations secret and publike and recorded in his Courts of Parliament be kept and obserued: That the Cathollicall, Apostolicall, and Romane Religion, be placed and re-established in all the places and parts of his Kingdome where it hath beene intermitted during the last troubles, there to be freely exercised, with prohibitions to trouble or molest the Ecclesiasticall persons of diuine Seruice and other functions of the Catholike Religion; and that the pretended reformed Religion shall likewise bee re-established, according to the Declarations of the yeare 1620. Acquiting, remitting and pardoning those which make profession thereof, all what is already past during the time of the said troubles, as more amply may appeare by the said Letters petitions of the Maier and Elchevins of the Citie of *Orleans*, of *Frances*, *Godfrey*, *Gabriel*, *Hirault*, and his consorts, Merchants of the said Citie, and of the Catholicke inhabitants of the Towne of *Montpelie*

and places adioyning, Prelates, Ecclesiasticall persons, Gentlemen and others, and *John Casseres* their Deputie, to the end to bee received opposants to the verification of the said Edict. The Conclusion of the Kings procurator generall, and all which considered, *The said* Court hath ordayned and ordayneth, that the said Letters in forme of Edict shall be read, published and recorded in the Office thereof, to be executed, kept and observed according to their forme and tenor: With this charge notwithstanding, that in the execution of the 9. Article, the summes payd by vertue of gifts, confiscations, represailles or otherwise may not be repeated, but shall remaine to those which haue receiued them: Saving to the said inhabitants of the said Countrey, to provide for them vpon their opposition in the Parliament of *Thoulonse*, and to the said inhabitants of *Orleans*, to cause the Decree to be executed by them obtained in the Kings priuie Counsell the 22. of Nouember, 1625. Ordaining that collationed copies of the said Letters shall be sent to the Bailiwicks and Seneschalships, to be likewise read, published and Recorded, by the diligence of the Substitutes of the Kings Procurator generall, who shall certifie to the Court their diligence within the Moneth. *Given* in the Parliament the third of Aprill 1626.

Signed.

De Tillet.

FINIS.